

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, In the late 1800s, families began to move to the Dell Rapids area from German Valley, Illinois; and,

*Whereas*, In February 1902, Reverend G. Zindler began to serve the welfare and spiritual needs of the families in Logan Valley by traveling from Sibley, Iowa, once a month, meeting in a family home or the Hart school house; and,

*Whereas*, Reverend E. Aeilts, a classical missionary from Iowa came in the spring of 1905 to organize the Logan Reformed Church, and to conduct its first meeting on June 12, 1905, where the election of J.D. Heeren, president; G.N. Heeren, secretary; and Harm Haak, treasurer, was held; and,

*Whereas*, The Ladies Aid organized soon after on March 7, 1906, with six members attending the first meeting at which time they elected Mrs. J.H. Leuning, president; Mrs. J.D. Heeren, secretary; and Mrs. H. Janssen, treasurer, and collected 50-cent per member dues and 10 cents per member at each meeting thereafter; and,

*Whereas*, On July 30, 1907, a decision was made to construct the first church building which was completed in 1908, at a cost of \$3,694.50, and a parsonage followed in 1909; and,

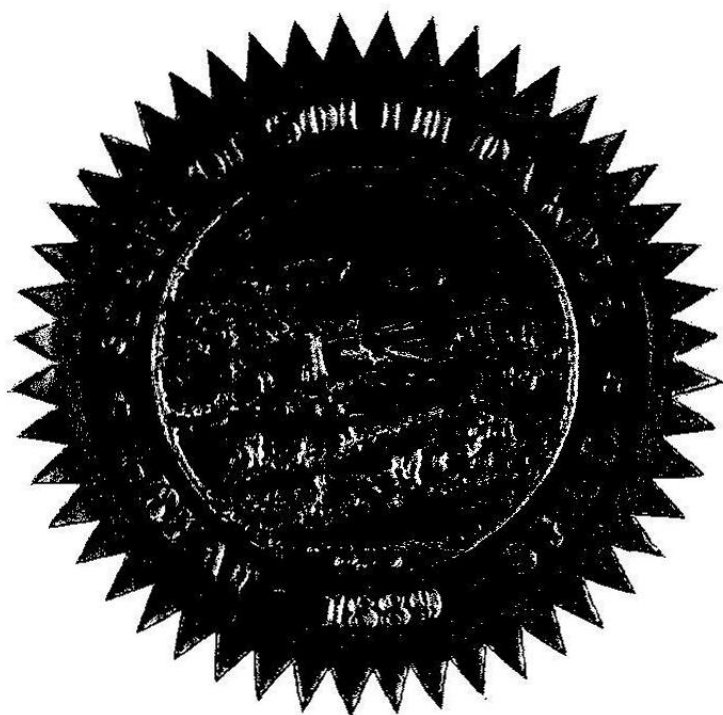
*Whereas*, Reverend Peter DeBuhr accepted the call to serve as the first pastor on September 12, 1912, and years later in 1966, ground was broken for a new church to be built in Dell Rapids, followed by a fellowship hall and Sunday School addition in 2001; and,

*Whereas*, The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of The Reformed Church in Dell Rapids will take place on Sunday, July 31, 2005, with a 9:30 a.m. worship service, noon catered meal, and 1:30 p.m. program to commemorate this important occasion:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2005, as

### *THE REFORMED CHURCH CENTENNIAL DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State